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\$205 MILLION TO STATES WILL BENEFIT NATION'S FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

State fish and wildlife programs will share \$205 million thanks to monies collected as Federal excise taxes paid by America's hunters and anglers, Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan announced today. The funds will be made available through preliminary apportionments of two Federal aid programs administered by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"The remarkable success of these wildlife programs is a tribute to the longstanding cooperation among America's sportsmen, the various state fish and wildlife agencies, and the Service," said Service Director John Turner. "Together, we look back proudly on 5 decades of exceptional progress in fish and wildlife restoration efforts. I would hate to think what shape America's wildlife would be in today if these programs didn't exist."

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson Act), signed in 1937, and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson Act), signed in 1950,

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collectively have raised over \$2 billion, all earmarked for state fish and wildlife programs and used to fund land acquisition, habitat improvement, research, and education.

The preliminary apportionment for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs for fiscal year 1991 is \$96,100,000. This money is derived from an 11-percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10-percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11-percent tax on certain archery equipment. One-half of the tax on handguns and archery equipment is available for state hunter education programs.

The preliminary apportionment for sport fish restoration for fiscal year 1991 totals \$109,000,000. This money comes from a 10-percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3-percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. The "Wallop-Breaux" expansion legislation of 1984 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the Federal motorboat fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

Distribution of sport fish restoration funds to the states is based on the land and water area and the number of fishing license holders in each state. Wildlife restoration funds are made available based on land area and the number of hunting license holders in each state. Distribution of hunter education funds is based on the relative population of each state.

The attached tables show the allocation of the preliminary apportionment for fiscal year 1991. The final apportionments will be announced in the spring of 1991.

**PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE
RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991**

STATE	WILDLIFE RESTORATION	HUNTER EDUCATION	TOTAL
ALABAMA	1,293,830	430,576	1,724,406
ALASKA	3,900,000	181,000	4,081,000
ARIZONA	1,796,385	300,830	2,097,215
ARKANSAS	1,484,337	252,975	1,737,312
CALIFORNIA	2,938,652	543,000	3,481,652
COLORADO	2,077,034	319,754	2,396,788
CONNECTICUT	390,000	343,966	733,966
DELAWARE	390,000	181,000	571,000
FLORIDA	1,268,655	543,000	1,811,655
GEORGIA	1,705,595	543,000	2,248,595
HAWAII	390,000	181,000	571,000
IDAHO	1,585,112	181,000	1,766,112
ILLINOIS	1,475,106	543,000	2,018,106
INDIANA	1,156,904	543,000	1,699,904
IOWA	1,299,035	322,472	1,621,507
KANSAS	1,454,409	261,574	1,715,983
KENTUCKY	1,256,497	405,270	1,661,767
LOUISIANA	1,264,069	465,322	1,729,391
MAINE	925,959	181,000	1,106,959
MARYLAND	516,529	466,702	983,231
MASSACHUSETTS	390,000	543,000	933,000
MICHIGAN	2,926,874	543,000	3,469,874
MINNESOTA	2,331,764	451,284	2,783,048
MISSISSIPPI	1,295,466	279,000	1,574,466
MISSOURI	2,159,164	543,000	2,702,164
MONTANA	2,403,365	181,000	2,584,365
NEBRASKA	1,345,344	181,000	1,526,344
NEVADA	1,487,774	181,000	1,668,774
NEW HAMPSHIRE	390,000	181,000	571,000
NEW JERSEY	397,594	543,000	940,594
NEW MEXICO	1,835,692	181,000	2,016,692
NEW YORK	2,386,195	543,000	2,929,195
NORTH CAROLINA	1,435,021	543,000	1,978,021
NORTH DAKOTA	1,069,833	181,000	1,250,833
OHIO	1,678,292	543,000	2,221,292
OKLAHOMA	1,450,007	334,855	1,784,862
OREGON	2,009,466	291,399	2,300,865
PENNSYLVANIA	3,320,752	543,000	3,863,752
RHODE ISLAND	390,000	181,000	571,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	844,270	345,253	1,189,523
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,296,522	181,000	1,477,522
TENNESSEE	1,925,793	508,133	2,433,926
TEXAS	3,900,000	543,000	4,443,000
UTAH	1,583,540	181,000	1,764,540
VERMONT	390,000	181,000	571,000
VIRGINIA	1,469,422	543,000	2,012,422
WASHINGTON	1,444,456	457,152	1,901,608
WEST VIRGINIA	1,018,415	181,000	1,199,415
WISCONSIN	2,405,936	520,815	2,926,751
WYOMING	1,540,935	181,000	1,721,935
PUERTO RICO	390,000	0	390,000
GUAM	130,000	30,167	160,167
VIRGIN ISLANDS	130,000	30,167	160,167
AMERICAN SAMOA	130,000	30,167	160,167
MARIANA ISLANDS	130,000	30,167	160,167
TOTAL	\$ 78,000,000	\$ 18,100,000	\$ 96,100,000

**PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH
RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991**

ALABAMA	1,764,540
ALASKA	5,450,000
ARIZONA	2,273,926
ARKANSAS	2,076,515
CALIFORNIA	5,450,000
COLORADO	2,689,931
CONNECTICUT	1,090,000
DELAWARE	1,090,000
FLORIDA	2,411,414
GEORGIA	2,110,911
HAWAII	1,090,000
IDAHO	1,789,194
ILLINOIS	2,271,981
INDIANA	1,664,767
IOWA	1,478,828
KANSAS	1,595,804
KENTUCKY	1,751,028
LOUISIANA	1,682,067
MAINE	1,090,000
MARYLAND	1,090,000
MASSACHUSETTS	1,090,000
MICHIGAN	4,340,346
MINNESOTA	4,039,897
MISSISSIPPI	1,459,890
MISSOURI	2,890,805
MONTANA	2,499,937
NEBRASKA	1,410,916
NEVADA	1,646,707
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,090,000
NEW JERSEY	1,090,000
NEW MEXICO	2,008,122
NEW YORK	2,915,249
NORTH CAROLINA	1,591,468
NORTH DAKOTA	1,152,947
OHIO	2,785,408
OKLAHOMA	2,015,296
OREGON	2,689,666
PENNSYLVANIA	2,850,285
RHODE ISLAND	1,090,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,247,535
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,323,299
TENNESSEE	1,994,895
TEXAS	5,450,000
UTAH	1,801,478
VERMONT	1,090,000
VIRGINIA	1,529,508
WASHINGTON	2,738,113
WEST VIRGINIA	1,090,000
WISCONSIN	3,611,582
WYOMING	1,649,080
PUERTO RICO	1,090,000
GUAM	363,333
VIRGIN ISLANDS	363,333
AMERICAN SAMOA	363,333
MARIANA ISLANDS	363,333
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	363,333
TOTAL	\$ 109,000,000